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Alumni Connect Lecture on "Sharpening legal skills for Criminal Lawyers"

Date: 22nd April, 2025

Venue: Room : A308, KRMU Campus

Event Type: Lecture

Mode of Activity: Offline

Target Group: Students of SOLS

Resource Person : Advocate Nutan Soni, Gurgaon District Court graduated from 5year BA LL.B(H) in 2023

Coordinators: Dr. Arti Sharma(Assistant Professor), Ms. Sadhana Nirban (Assistant Professor) and Ms. Kritika Kakkar (Assistant Professor)

Organized by: School of Legal Studies, KRMU

Number of Participants : 103

The **Alumni Connect lecture on Sharpening Legal Skills for Criminal Lawyers** was held on April 22, 2025, at 11:00 AM in Room No.308, A Block. The session was conducted by **Advocate Nutan Soni**, a distinguished alumnus of our institution, graduated from 5year **BA LL.B(H) in 2023** has made significant contributions in the field of Criminal law .

The lecture commenced with a warm welcome by faculty members and student representatives, who highlighted the importance of alumni engagement in academic and professional development. Advocate Nutan Soni then took the stage, sharing her journey from law school to criminal legal practice, emphasizing the evolving demands of the corporate sector.

In her lecture, Advocate Nutan Soni delivered a compelling and in-depth discourse on the essential legal competencies required to succeed in the field of criminal law. Drawing from her extensive experience at the District and Sessions Court, Gurgaon, she began by outlining the multifaceted nature of criminal litigation and the dynamic skill set it demands from practicing lawyers. She emphasized that a criminal lawyer must not only possess a thorough understanding of substantive and procedural law but also develop sharp practical instincts to navigate the often unpredictable course of criminal proceedings.

A significant portion of her address focused on the technical and strategic aspects of criminal advocacy, such as effective cross-examination techniques, persuasive trial advocacy, precise legal drafting, and the application of legal provisions under the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and

the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). She stressed that beyond textbook knowledge, mastery of these skills comes from consistent practice, mentorship, and exposure to real courtroom environments.

Adv. Nutan Soni particularly highlighted the role of presence of mind during court proceedings, noting that a lawyer's ability to respond swiftly and tactfully can influence the direction of a case. She also underscored the importance of legal research, encouraging students to cultivate a habit of staying updated with recent case laws and judicial interpretations. Furthermore, she elaborated on courtroom demeanour — emphasizing qualities such as confidence, clarity in communication, respectful conduct towards the bench and bar, and maintaining professional integrity at all times.

The session evolved into an engaging and intellectually stimulating interactive segment, where students eagerly posed a series of insightful questions. Topics of discussion ranged from procedural challenges in bail applications, strategies for handling evidentiary contradictions, and approaches to managing clients from diverse social backgrounds to the ethical dilemmas often faced by criminal defence lawyers. In response, Adv. Soni provided well-articulated answers supported by real-life examples drawn from her professional practice. She illustrated how theoretical knowledge translates into practical decision-making in high-stakes criminal cases, providing students with valuable context and deeper understanding.

She also encouraged students to develop resilience, compassion, and a strong ethical foundation, pointing out that criminal law not only tests one's intellectual capacity but also their emotional strength and moral compass. Her candid reflections on courtroom experiences and the lessons learned along the way resonated strongly with the audience, many of whom expressed interest in exploring a career in criminal law.

The lecture concluded with a formal vote of thanks, where faculty members and student representatives expressed their deep appreciation for Adv. Nutan Soni's time, insights, and dedication to giving back to her alma mater. Her lecture was widely acknowledged as highly enriching and motivational. It not only deepened the students' understanding of criminal litigation but also inspired them to pursue their goals with greater clarity and commitment.

The Alumni Connect series continues to be a cornerstone initiative of the School of Legal Studies at KRMU, strengthening the bridge between the institution's past and present. Through sessions like these, current students are given rare and valuable opportunities to learn directly from alumni who have carved successful paths in the legal profession. Adv. Nutan Soni's session served as a shining example of how alumni engagement can significantly contribute to the academic and professional growth of aspiring legal practitioners.

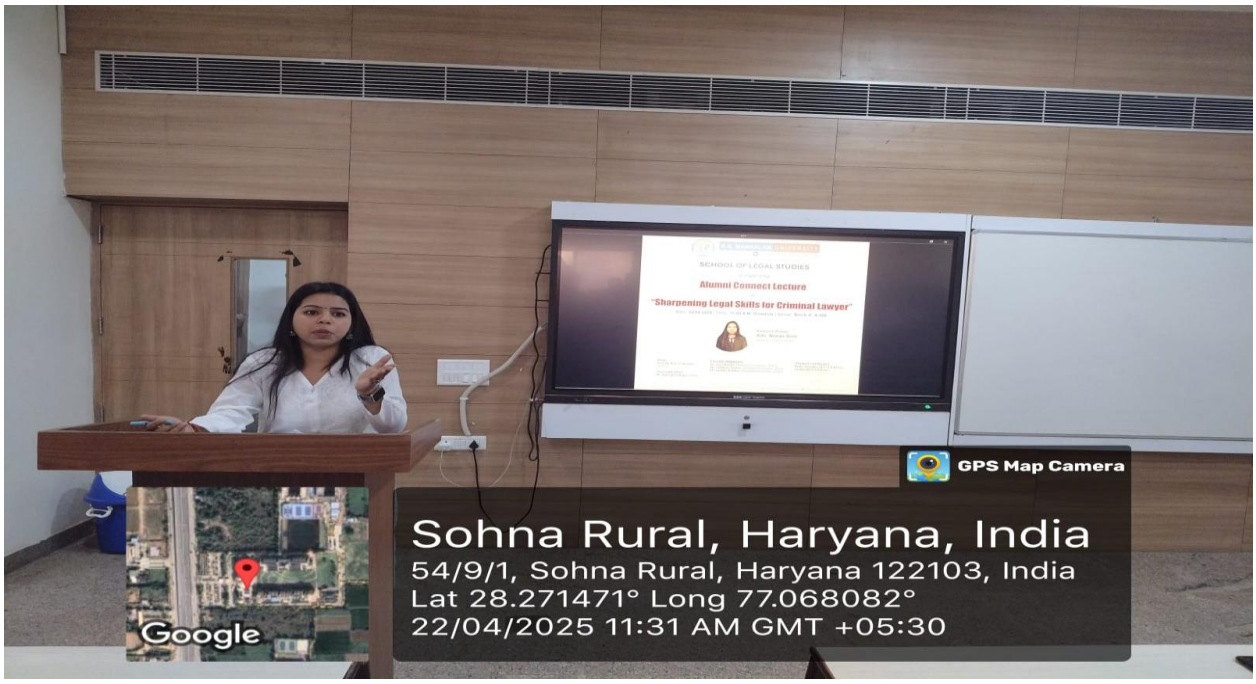


Photo 1: Advocate Nutan Soni is addressing the Students (Alumni KRMU)



Photo 2: Students are engaged in the lecture given by Advocate Nutan Soni.



Photo 3: Adv. Nutan Soni with event volunteers.